

Appl. No. 10/712,639
Atty. Docket No. 9423
Amend. dated 11/16/2004
Reply to Office Action of 10/19/2004
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1 to 8 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 3 to 8 have been withdrawn as a result of a restriction requirement imposed in an Office Action dated 19 October 2004, to which the present communication is responsive.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Response to Requirement for Restriction of Inventions

The Examiner has required, under 35 USC §121, election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits. The Applicants hereby confirm the election to prosecute the invention designated in the Office Action as Group I, drawn to compounds comprising a HRI protein-human interacting partner complex, classified as class 530, subclass 350. This election is made without traverse. Claims 1 and 2 are drawn to this invention.

The Office Action further states that Applicants, upon election of Group I, are required to elect a single nucleic acid sequence set forth in claim 2 and corresponding protein set forth in claim 1. In response, the Applicants hereby confirm the election of SEQ ID NO:2 of claim 2 and the corresponding protein "Homo Sapiens Ubiquitous Receptor" of claim 1. This election is made without traverse.

Claims 3 to 8 have been withdrawn from prosecution as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

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Conclusion

In light of the above remarks, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 USC §121. Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested.

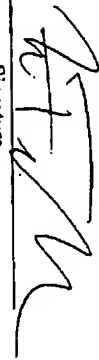
This response represents an earnest effort to place the application in proper for examination and allowance. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 1 and 2 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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